

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bringsjord et al.

Serial No.: 09/471,689

Group Art Unit: 2121

Filed: December 23, 1999

Examiner: Kelvin Booker

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC COMPUTATION CREATIVITY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR STORY GENERATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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BOX AF**SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 24, 2003, and to a telephone interview conducted on May 14, 2003, and further in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please amend the above- identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

29 (Amended) A system for generating a story, comprising:

means for selecting a theme of said story;

means for examining elements of said theme and instantiating said theme; and

means for using said theme to select and control other aspects of the story generation, including a plot of said story which employs knowledge-generated characteristics, relationships, and events.

32. (Amended) A computer-implemented, theme-based method of creating a story, comprising: